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WORLD OF RADIO ON STUDIO X, MOMIGNO, ITALY, 1584 kHz

WOR is again regularly on air on Studio X, Saturday 2300 UT till Saturday October 29; Sunday 0000 UT from November 6. Some rebroadcast also on other nights, out of schedule (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, Sept 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ITALY [and non]

WORLD OF RADIO on WOSU READING SUBCARRIER

Glen[n], I am Director Of Broadcast Operations for VOICEcorps Reading Service, a close circuit radio station that reads print material for the blind on a subcarrier of NPR affiliate WOSU FM and over a number of cable companies throughout the Central Ohio area. I'd love to start airing your program weekly at twelve midnight Fridays with your consent. It would be a wonderful edition to our program schedule, something I've wanted to do for a long time. It would air in a program slot called Radio World. Following your program we would have a half hour reading done by a volunteer from the Radio World magazine.

Thanks so much not only for reading this note, but for all you do for our wonderful hobby which I hope never goes away. Your show and the computer has given blind people access to many things we haven't had. Thanks again, I hope we can start airing your program September 22. Your friend in radio, (Chuck Adkins, VERY LONG LONG time listener, Sept 18)

Sure, that would be fine. That`s 0400 UT Saturdays; see http://www.voicecorps.org (gh)

** ANTARCTICA. ARGENTINA ANTARCTICA: 15476, Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, Base Ant·rtica Esperanza, 2020-2035, September 12, Spanish, long talk about the 19th century national leader Domingo Faustino Sarmiento. Announcement and ID as: "Saludamos a todos los que sintonizan la frecuencia de 15476 khz. LRA36 Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, desde la Base Esperanza, de la Ant·rtida Argentina". 35443 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, HCDX via DXLD)

I = 5 so no QRM from Gabon there, probably still closing at 1900 despite previous report (gh, DXLD)

** ANTIGUA & BARBUDA. FIRE DAMAGES FORMER ANTIGUA BROADCASTING SERVICE

FACILITY --- with photo Sunday, September 18, 2005

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua: A fire of unknown origin on Sunday scorched and damaged the building that once housed the radio section of the Antigua and Barbuda Broadcasting Service (ABS). . . http://www.caribbeannetnews.com/2005/09/19/facility.shtml (via Ken Kopp, dxldyg via DXLD) 620 kHz (Media Network)

** ARGENTINA. 6215, 3.9 2305, R. Baluarte about the economic situation in Argentina. DO (Dan Olsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 15345.08v, R. Nacional, Sept 10, 2308-2348, "National F˙tbol" program with sports coverage in Spanish, numerous R. Nacional IDs, ads, fair-good. Also noted Sept 15 on 15344.56v at 2230 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA? Glenn: I've never run across this one before. Do you know who is relaying this? 7875 USB, ABC Western Australia, 1030-1130 Sept 18, Shortwave SSB relay of ABC Western Australia service. Sports talk, ID "ABC local radio" at 1030, more talk on sports, then took callers on topic of computers till 1100. ID then national and international news till 1110, then canned promo with "Weíre tuned in on you, ABC Western Australia." Mention of "ABC Western Australia" again a minute later, then back into national feed. Some music with promo for ABC TV between songs then back into talk format. Strong clear signal (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

David, First I have heard of this. No, no idea who might be doing it. Nothing on 7875 in my 2002 Klingenfuss book. I suppose the next step is to search on the frequency at the WUN site. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

Nothing heard on 7875 USB this morning, Sept 19. I guess it was a utility station running audio from a receiver (David Hodgson, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. 5049.94, ARDS (presumed), Very weak at 1056 with E-Z listening music, M announcer at ToH, then more music. Will have to try for this more often. (4 Sept.) 73's (Dave Valko, PA, Jihad DX via SW Bulletin via DXLD)

This is the exact frequency that I have heard them (with great difficulty!) at Grayland, WA using Beverage antennae. Yes, the Chinese usually is dominant, and when it's on, it signs on at 1000 and completely obliterates anything else. It's pretty easy to tell the two apart with the programming. The Chinese transmitter comes on about 10 minutes of OC before sign-on, by the way (Walter (Volodya) Salmaniw, MD, Victoria, BC, Canada, ibid.)

** BANGLADESH. Dear Group Members, Glad to inform you Mr. Setub Uddin Ahmed appointed new Director of Bangladesh Betar External Service. 73 from (Ashik Eqbal Tokon, Bangladesh, Sept 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But is the BB external service really on air at the moment? Kind Regards, (Erik K¯ie, DK-2840 Holte, Denmark, ibid.)

Dear Sir, Greetings from Rajshahi, Bangladesh. I am so happy to inform you that, Bangladesh Betar is airing its program on 7185 kHz regularly. I am informed it was out of order just for two days.

Here noted, Bangladesh Betar going to launch another few MW regional stations shortly. First two would be, Bangladesh Betar Bogra and Bangladesh Betar Comilla. All the best. Regards (Ashik Eqbal Tokon, Rajshahi, Bangladesh, ibid.)

** BELARUS. 6040, 12.9 1500, Radio Hrodna // 7110 with clear ID followed by cultural program in Polish. The local program ended 1540, followed by silence for 2 minutes and then Radio Stalyca started. O=3 CB (Christer Brunstrˆm, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During several years already, Radio Hrodna transmits programs in Polish. They go out every Monday at 1500-1540 UT. SW freqs are 6040 and 7110 kHz, 5 kW.

Reports to Radio Hrodna can still be sent to my attention. You can write them in Russian, Belarussian, Polish or English. IRCs are required. Postal adr: Ul. Horkaha 85, 230015, Hrodna, Belarus.

Chief Engineer Alexander Bakursky also accepts reports sent to his e-mail --- see it at http://tvr.grodno.by (open_dx - Sergey Alekseychik, Hrodna-BLR, RUSdxsignal Sep 10 via BCDX via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. See UNIDENTIFIED, 4904+, 5905v

** BRAZIL. Re 5-164, stations testing IBOC: Glenn, A R·dio Tiradentes È a Globo Minas, que emite em 1150 kHz. Tiradentes Ltda. È o nome oficial da emissora, desde a sua inauguraÁ„o. J· Globo Minas È o nome pelo qual se identificava ultimamente. Conforme dica do Domingos Alfredo Loss, o ato da Anatel, onde consta inclusive a freq¸Íncia e endereÁo dos transmissores, pode ser acessado em: http://www.anatel.gov.br/mail/doc.asp?id=112429

Eis a notÌcia publicada em http://www.romais.jor.br ---

BRASIL - A Anatel j· est· autorizando algumas emissoras a fazerem

testes em sistema de radiodifus„o sonora digital IBOC. Por exemplo, a R·dio Tiradentes AM Ltda. (Globo Minas), de Belo Horizonte (MG), que emite em 1150 kHz, foi autorizada no ˙ltimo dia oito de setembro, a efetuar os testes nos perÌodos diurno e noturno. A dica È do Domingos Alfredo Loss, de Colatina (ES). 73ís, (CÈlio Romais, Porto Alegre, Brasil, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That`s 50/5 kW, and no problem there about testing IBOC at night as well as day. And what about the one in SP? (gh, DXLD)

Glenn, pesquisei alguns documentos da AgÍncia Nacional de TelecomunicaÁıes pelo termo "Iboc". Em resumo est„o autorizadas as seguintes emissoras:

Em 08-set-2005: R·dio Tiradentes Ltda, AM 1150 kHz, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais. Identifica-se como "R·dio Globo Minas", afiliada ao sistema Globo de R·dio.

R·dio Excelsior Ltda, FM 90.5 MHz, S„o Paulo, S„o Paulo. Identifica-se como "CBN - Central Brasileira de NotÌcias", cabeÁa da rede CBN.

Em 16-set-2005: R·dio Itapema FM de Porto Alegre Ltda, FM 102.3 MHz. Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul. Identifica-se como "Itapema FM".

R·dio Ga˙cha S/A, AM 600 kHz, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul. Identifica-se como "R·dio G·ucha".

A autorizaÁ„o vale por 1 ano. Todas as quatro estaÁıes utilizam equipamento Harris modelo Dexstar.

As duas primeiras emissoras pertencem ao Rede Globo e as duas ˙ltimas ‡ Rede Brasil Sul. Estas duas empresas dois grupos de mÌdia importantes no Brasil e s„o parceiros na programaÁ„o de TV, r·dio e jornal.

Dear Glenn, I have searched some official documents at National Agency of Telecommunications in Brazil http://www.anatel.gov.br using the term 'Iboc'. At a glance, the following stations are allowed to carry digital tests:

Since 2005-09-08:
R·dio Tiradentes Ltda, AM 1150 KHz, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais. Aired as "R·dio Globo Minas", affiliated to the R·dio Globo Network.

R·dio Excelsior Ltda, FM 90,5MHz, S„o Paulo, S„o Paulo. Aired as "CBN - Central Brasileira de NotÌcias", head of CBN radio news network.

Since 2005-09-16:

R·dio Itapema FM de Porto Alegre Ltda, FM 102.3 MHz. Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul. Aired as "Itapema FM".

R·dio Ga˙cha S/A, AM 600 kHz, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul. Aired as "R·dio G·ucha", head of R·dio Ga˙cha Network.

The permission extends for one year from now. All four station uses equipments from Harris, model Dexstar.

The first two stations are owned by Rede Globo media group and the last two are owned by Rede Brasil Sul (RBS) media group. These two groups are among the most import ones in Brazil. They are partners in TV, radio and newspaper content. --hg (Huelbe Garcia, radioescutas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Salve! O Huelbe tem raz„o, na mensagem publicada na lista radioescutas. A Excelsior È a R·dio CBN - Central Brasileira de NotÌcias. Busquei o ato n∫ 52696, na biblioteca da Anatel. E o interessante È que a autorizaÁ„o n„o È para ondas mÈdias em 780 kHz, mas sim para FM, para o canal 90.5 MHz. Em anexo, segue o ato da Anatel que baixei. A freq¸Íncia de 90.5 da CBN consta no seguinte link: http://radioclick.globo.com/cbn/insti/afiliadas.asp
73, (CÈlio Romais, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See DIGITAL BROADCASTING below

Estou curioso, para n„o dizer preocupado, com os testes do Iboc que radioescutas belo-horizontinos e porto-alegrenses ser„o "vÌtimas" :). Estou prevendo, por exemplo, que vai ficar mais difÌcil escutar a Jovem Pan e a R·dio Pelotense (620 kHz) depois que a Ga˙cha (600 kHz) ativar o Iboc aqui em Porto Alegre. Vamos ver (Huelbe Garcia, Porto Alegre, RS, radioescutas via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. A R·dio Guaruj· Paulista, de Guaruj· (SP), quer chegar mais longe! Em breve, vai estar emitindo tambÈm na faixa de 31 metros. A freq¸Íncia? 9715 kHz. A Anatel excluiu, em nove de setembro, a destinaÁ„o do canal para Osasco (SP). A partir desta data, a freq¸Íncia de 9715 kHz j· est· destinada para a cidade de Guaruj·. Assim, a R·dio Guaruj· Paulista estar· utilizando as seguintes freq¸Íncias: 3235, 3385, 5045, 5940 e 9715 kHz. Em 31 metros, a Guaruj· Paulista estar· no ar 24 horas por dia, com 10 kW de potÍncia. A autorizaÁ„o da Anatel foi dada pelo ato n∫ 52.726, que foi repassado ‡ coluna pelo Domingos Alfredo Loss, de Colatina (ES).

BRASIL ñ A freq¸Íncia de 3325 kHz È, sem d˙vida, a que mais muda de identificaÁ„o. ApÛs ser usada pelas r·dios Tupi e Nossa Voz, chegou a vez de levar ao ar a programaÁ„o da BR Gospel. Ambas s„o estaÁıes de S„o Paulo (SP). Em DivinÛpolis (MG), M·rcio Dias ouviu a nova identificaÁ„o, em 12 de setembro, ‡s 0115. Naquele momento, a estaÁ„o apresentava um programa da AssemblÈia de Deus do bairro paulistano do

Bom Retiro. TambÈm foi sintonizada, em Porto Alegre (RS), pelo colunista, em 17 de setembro, ‡s 0451, com bom sinal.

BRASIL ñ A R·dio Por Um Mundo Melhor, de Governador Valadares (MG), poder· ser ouvida, novamente, pela freq¸Íncia de 4855 kHz. H· algum tempo, a emissora chegou a anunciar a venda de seu transmissor, no sÌtio da AssociaÁ„o Mineira de R·dio. A R·dio Oito de Setembro, de Descalvado (SP), est· procurando um transmissor para suas emissıes em ondas tropicais. Por isso, fez um contato com a emissora de Governador Valadares (MG), por intermÈdio de DiÛrgenes JosÈ Carneiro Mesquita Lopes. A resposta que ele recebeu foi que a Por Um Mundo Melhor pretende voltar ‡ ativa em ondas tropicais (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX Sept 18 via DXLD)

** BRAZIl. A ``V"Z DO BRASIL`` PODE NVO MAIS SER OBRIGAT"RIA
AgÍncia Estado http://br.news.yahoo.com/050915/25/xh35.html

O presidente da AssociaÁ„o Brasileira das Emissoras de R·dio e TV, JosÈ In·cio Pizani, defendeu hoje, em audiÍncia na Comiss„o de CiÍncia e Tecnologia da C,mara, o fim da obrigatoriedade da transmiss„o do programa Voz do Brasil, pelas emissoras de r·dio de todo o PaÌs. Ele e o diretor da AssociaÁ„o Brasileira de Radiodifus„o (Abert), Rodrigo Neves, foram convidados pela comiss„o para discutir projeto de lei nesse sentido, que tramita na Casa.

Pizani acusou o programa oficial de representar o ``atraso`` na evoluÁ„o da comunicaÁ„o brasileira, j· que data da dÈcada de 30 e representa o poder p˙blico, interferindo naquilo que a sociedade deve ou n„o ouvir. ``O poder p˙blico acaba decidindo draconianamente o que a sociedade deve assistir naqueles 60 minutos``, afirmou.

Pizani cedeu o final do tempo de sua exposiÁ„o para que o assessor da Abert, o jornalista Antonio Rosa Neto, apresentasse dados, pesquisas e estudos que mostram a queda na audiÍncia do r·dio entre 19 e 21 horas. Segundo dados do assessor da Abert, o instituto Marplan divulgou recentemente dados que mostram que o pico de audiÍncia do r·dio È pela manh„, atÈ as 9 horas, atingindo 42%.

¿s 19 horas registra-se o nÌvel mais baixo de audiÍncia: 11%. A partir das 20 horas o Ìndice comeÁa a se recuperar, atingindo 17% ‡s 21 horas. Para Antonio Rosa Neto esses dados mostram que a sociedade n„o aceita um programa imposto e por isso desliga o r·dio, causando prejuÌzo no faturamento das emissoras de r·dio.

Segundo Antonio Rosa Neto o instituto Marplan retrata o r·dio hoje como uma mÌdia mÛvel e que por isso melhor se adapta aos tempos modernos. ``A sociedade hoje È din,mica, que tem cada vez menos tempo para ficar parada lendo jornal ou revista para se informar``, disse

(via Fl·vio Archangelo PY2ZX, JundiaÌ - SP, @tividade DX Sept 18 via DXLD)

** CHILE. China R. International relay via Santiago, 17625, with theatre news in English at 1350; very good, off at 1400 9/18, using Sony ICF-7600G with the Sony AN-LP1 loop antenna, in Mays Landing, NJ (Joe Hanlon, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. See CHILE

** COLOMBIA [and non]. Re FARC story, 5-162: Texts written by Dick E. were common in Dagens Nyheter, Aftonbladet and organs of various Swedish trade unions (ST, LR etc). When the Colombian guerrillas were declared terrorists by the EU ñ Sweden was the last country to join the crew ñ on June 13, 2002, Emanuelsson¥s texts ceased to appear in these publications and are now limited to Flamman /organ of the Swedish communist party/ and LiberaciÛn, a weekly magazine published by Latin American political refugees in Sweden. Various articles, mainly in Spanish, can be found online.

The story, as quoted by gh, is said to be ``the first authorized visit by an outsider ( ) to a FARC radio station``. This is not true. Also, the reporter is no ``outsider``. He has shown that he has a ``pipeline`` to the leaders of the FARC such as ``Tirofijo``, ``Ra˙l Reyes`` (all alias names, hence the quotation marks. Very few other people can do this.

Secondly, Voz de la Resistencia has been dealt with in depth by the local Colombian press. A story with several pictures was published by El Espectador newspaper on Jan 7, 2001. An edited version of that article can be read at http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/dxld1005.txt

The following picture was scanned from the aforementioned El Espectador article by yours truly. [invisible on my copy of SWB ñ gh]

A community broadcaster in Stockholm has been accused of being a FARC outlet. It is not, Dick Emanuelsson says in a collateral story, ostensibly to prove his point. You can read it in Spanish at http://argenpress.info/nota.asp?num=021587

There is an interview with the manager of the Colombian community broadcaster CafÈ Stereo (88.4) in Stockholm. One of the headlines says that the collaborators are being paid by ``the state`` (``El estado paga``). From the article and the comparisons made to programs such as Caracol¥s longstanding La LuciÈrnaga one understands that they are ridiculing the constitutional government of Colombia, even though it has been supported by a vast majority of the population during the

past 3 years. Successive polls reveal that the nation¥s president Alvaro Uribe VÈlez is being backed up by 70% of the population.

As a community broadcaster, Radio CafÈ Stereo cost a lot of money to operate, and yet their coverage area was minimal. Now, with the inception of online streaming audio, operational costs have gone down steeply. Now the programs can be heard in all Stockholm and also ``in South Africa, Barranquilla or New York``, the station¥s spokesperson says.

One single photograph is added to Dick E`s second story. It is cleverly designed so as not to allow any of the CafÈ stereo collaborators to be identified. To be sure, the article explains that all collaborators [just as happens in the Colombian guerrilla] are using aliases.

Swedish PM Gˆran Persson, chaired a United Nations` summit a few days ago. The UN meeting adopted a resolution exhorting member nations to create legal frameworks to prevent any apology of terrorism. Here is what Persson said. I am quoting DN online Sept 16, 2005 edition:

``V‰rldsledare pÂ FN-toppmˆtet har antagit en resolution som uppmanar l‰nder att skapa lagar fˆr att hindra uppvigling till terrorism.

Statsminister Gˆran Persson, pÂ plats i FN-huset, s‰ger att eventuella ‰ndringar av svenska lagar kommer att ske i samfˆrstÂnd med EU.

- Jag vet inte exakt hur vi kommer att oms‰tta den nationella lagstiftningen, sade Persson vid en presstr‰ff pÂ torsdagen.
- Vi gˆr det s‰kert samordnat med EU.
Viktig fˆr Sverige i sammanhanget ‰r dock individens r‰ttss‰kerhet, pÂpekade statsministern.``

(PM Gˆran Persson says that any amendments to Swedish law will have to be made in agreement with the EU. ``I do not know exactly how the national legislation has to be changed``, Persson said. ``We will certainly do it in coordination with the EU. One important aspect for Sweden in this case is [to protect] the legal rights of each individual``, remarked the PM).

Denmark already has a working anti-terrorist legislation and Patrick MacManus, chairman of the Opr¯r NGO [which are FARC supporters], has been indicted for alleged infringement of article 114 of this law. Should Sweden ever adopt a similar law, a station such as CafÈ Stereo would probably have to close down or change its actual line of programs.

Now, what about QSLing Voz de la Resistencia? Well, Patrik Willfˆr in

Finland, reporting at the right moment, managed to obtain an email QSL from an official FARC spokesperson via a Costarican address. This happened in conjunction with the ``peace tour`` various FARC leaders made to various European capitals in 2000. In Sweden they were invited to a course in economy at a government-owned educational center outside of Stockholm. There was much hush-hush about the event and my report to Dagens Industri, Feb 8, 2000 was in fact a smallish scoop (Henrik Klemetz, SW Bulletin Sept 18 via DXLD)

** CONGO DR [non]. 11690, R. Okapi (via Meyerton), Sept 17, 0428-0448, program in French and African language, mostly talking, singing jingle for ``Okapi,`` poor-fair (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. (Updated log). 5055.0, RHC, Sept 16, 0219-0336, Spanish programming. Not heard on Sept 17, but Sept 18 on again at 0147-0230 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC, 5055.0, Escuchada con "La Revista Informativa de la Noche" y 'Servicio De Noticias" (10 dB+). 0253-0301 UT Sept 18 (Dino Bloise, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5055, RHC, 0017+, Sept. 18, Spanish, OM and YL with news, IDs. // 6000. Fair with hum. Nice of RHC to pick this frequency weeks after Faro del Caribe reactivated it. What gives? Thanx Ron Howard tip (Scott Barbour, NH, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. "En Contacto" --- Por RHC Radio Habana Cuba. Dedicado a los oyentes de las ondas cortas, Diexistas y Radioaficionados con Manolo de la Rosa y Malena NegrÌn, con intervenciones periÛdicas de Ignacio Canel y Arnaldo Coro. *HORARIOS DE TRANSMISION:
Domingos 1335 por OC (6000, 9550, 11760, 11800, 12000 y 15230 kHz)
Lunes [UT] 0135 por OC (5965, 6060, 6140, 9600, 11760 y 15230 kHz)
Tambien por Internet: http://www.radiohc.cu/

Programa "En Contacto", Radio Habana Cuba, Apartado Postal 6240, La Habana, Cuba. Email: encontacto @ rhc.cu
73. (Dino Bloise, FLORIDA, EEUU, dxldyg via DXLD)

TambiÈn debe aparecer en las frecuecias habituales alrededor de las 2150 o 2155 de los domingos. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) Por ``habituales`` no quiero decir las mismas como a las 1335 (gh)

Estimado Glenn: Gracias por divulgar nuestro Programa DX, pero te informo que ya ni Canel ni Coro participan en el Programa. Un abrazo: (Manolo de la Rosa, RHC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. What is the outlook for scheduling of Radio Rep˙blica on WRMI following the time change Oct 30, for B-05? (gh to Jeff White, via DXLD)

Glenn: I think the odds are pretty good that things will remain the same (time-shifted), except that the last hour of Radio Rep˙blica in the morning (8-9 am ET) will be moved to 11 am-12 noon ET (making the first block 5-8 am and the second block 11 am-4 pm on weekdays; on weekends the 8-9 am hour will be eliminated and the mid-day block will be the same as weekdays 11 am-4 pm). This is because WEWN has 9955 registered from 1300-1600 UT during the B05 season (Jeff White, WRMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So if I figure correctly, the schedule of RR on 9955 in UT then will be: M-F 10-13, 16-21; Sat/Sun 10-11, 16-21, UT Sun/Mon 03-05 (gh, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [and non]. Radio HCJB Quito stellt am 29. Oktober 2005 die deutsche Morgensendung aus Pifo ein. Dies gab Redaktionsleiter Horst Rosiak im DX-Programm am 10. September bekannt. Er begruendete diese mit den Kosten und den zu erwartenden Empfangsproblemen. Damit verbleibt im Winter nur die Abendsendung ueber T-Systems Juelich dann auf 3955 kHz.

Aktuell sendet Radio HCJB Quito morgens 0500-0600 UT auf 9780 kHz aus Pifo und 1700-1800 UT auf 6015 kHz aus Juelich. Da die Sendeanlage in der Einflugschneise des neuen Grossflughafens von Quito liegt, hat Radio HCJB mit dem Abbau der Sendeanlage begonnen. Es ist jedoch unklar, wo und in welchem Umfang ein Ersatzstandort aufgebaut wird (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, Germany, ntt Sep 15 via BCDX via DXLD)

** EUROPE. Un esc·ndalo de emisiÛn. --- Saludos cordiales, espero estÈn bien; desde hace bastante rato en 6660 LSB, emisiÛn pirata francesa, escandalosa donde las haya. El locutor pone m˙sica y realiza constantes eruptos y otras lindezas; si tienen ocasiÛn intenten sintonizarla. No tiene desperdicio. Supongo que debe tratarse de alguien con muy mal gusto (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, 2007 UT Sept 19, Noticias DX via DXLD)

[Luego:] Llevo casi una hora escuch·ndola, con mucho ruido Creo que es alg˙n gracioso, no creo que se trate de ninguna emisora. Desde Francia me comunican que es pirata, pero tambiÈn consideran pirata al que emite desde una emisora fuera de las frecuencias habituales. La escucha es curiosa; hace un rato ponÌa m˙sica del Elvis, interrumpiÈndola con eruptos, muy mal gusto. Pensaba que se cansarÌa, pero sigue haciendo el gamberro (JosÈ Miguel, ibid.)

Hola desde Madrid, Yo tambiÈn estoy escuchando a ese muchacho.

Ciertamente tiene un problema de salud (relativo a los gases y probablemente a la cabeza tambiÈn). Saludos, (RamÛn Vicente, ibid.)

Llevo diez minutos escuch·ndo guarradas en esa frecuencia. Debe haberse metido entre pecho y espalda 200 litros de tÛnica. Es un pirata muy gaseoso. Pero si sigue transmitiendo esas lindezas acabar· con una buena ˙lcera de estÛmago. 73 y buenos DX. (¡ngel JosÈ Nicol·s Esteve (EA5-0957), Valencia (EspaÒa), 2047 UT Sept 19, ibid.)

Cierto RamÛn, la cabeza no est· muy bien que digamos, pero en fin tiene su curiosidad; est· siendo escuchada en Barcelona, Madrid y Valencia (JosÈ Miguel Romero, ibid.)

Saludos ¡ngel, alguna teorÌa al respecto, pirata? Radioaficionado? Chiflado? Nunca habÌa escuchado algo parecido. Alg˙n precedente anterior? Bueno, al menos ha servido como distracciÛn. 73 y buen DX (JosÈ Miguel Romero, ibid.)

Cordiales saludos JosÈ. La verdad es que me da quÈ pensar (la frecuencia, el modo LSB...), cualquier teorÌa puede ser posible. Desde inicio de pruebas de alguna emisora pirata, con un chiflado como representante inicial; un chiflado al mando de alg˙n emisor...; en definitiva, lo ˙nico que saco en claro es que hay un chiflado en el Èter. No sÈ. SerÌa cuestiÛn de ir siguiendo la trayectoria gaseosa de esa emisiÛn. Desde luego, el ruido de fondo es infernal. Por cierto, øno ser· Pedro Botero?. 73 (¡ngel JosÈ Nicol·s Esteve, ibid.)

Saludos ¡ngel, entre el ruido de fondo y las lindezas, no sÈ quiÈn est· mas chiflado, el que emite o los que le escuchamos; ya hay que tener ganas de estar debatiendo por culpa del individuo Èste. En fin como distracciÛn est· bien; maÒana veremos si sigue haciendo de las suyas o se trata de algo puntual. 73 y buen DX, Seguro que Botero no es, (JosÈ Miguel, ibid.)

Je, je. De acuerdo, maÒana seguiremos investigando. No estarÌa mal: "AquÌ Radio Botero, la voz de la gaseosa, rebuznando para todos ustedes". Jua, jajajajajaja. 73 y buenos DX (¡ngel JosÈ Nicol·s Esteve, ibid.)

** FINLAND. Pleased to note that following previous discussion here, YLE R. Finland was back on the air Sunday Sept 18 on 15400, and did start Nuntii Latini at 1353 instead of 1355 so it was over by 1358 when the transmitter has to go off. M&W alternated news items, and it is still a bit disconcerting to hear modern names like Guant·namo mentioned in an ancient language. Just before, there were church bells ringing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GEORGIA. The second outlet of "Abkhaz Radio" (Absua Radio) on 9535

kHz (probably is 9534.8?) is on the air only mornings, when the program is from Sukhum, 0400-0500 and 0700-0810 Mon-Fri. Both [9495/9535] are typical ex-Soviet jammers with odd x.8 kHz setting (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 3-7 via DXLD)

On 9495 kHz, at 0650 UT program in Russian called "75 Years of Radio Sochi" (Sep 3). 0400-0500 and after 0700 on 9495 \\ 9535 kHz Apsua Radio in Abkhazian, after 0500 and at 0625 Radio Rossii in Russian but only on 9495 (Sep 5). At 0930 Nx in Russian from prgr "Mayak" (!) on 12015 (Sep 9). (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 18, ibid.)

An mehreren Vormittagen konnte ich auf 9494.81v einen (mir unbekannten) Sender hoeren. Die Frequenz erinnerte mich an vor Jahren aktive Sender aus dem Raum Aserbaidshan, Abkhasien oder Georgien (oder die Gegend).

Das duerften die Abchasen sein. Glueckwunsch! Die Station sendet immer noch mit Regionalprogrammen und (inoffiziellen) Uebernahmen des Programms aus Sotschi (Nachbarstadt auf russischer Seite der Grenze). Auch die Parallel-MW 1350 kHz wird von OMs auf dem Balkan immer mal wieder gehoert.

Hier die derzeitige Belegung der 9495:
0300-0815 GEO R. Rep. Abkhazia AB GEO
1030-1200 GEO R. Rep. Abkhazia AB GEO
1200-1400 Sa GEO R. Rep. Abkhazia AB GEO
1400-1700 GEO R. Rep. Abkhazia AB GEO (Thomas Lindenthal / Eike Bierwirth, Germany, A-DX Sep 14 via BCDX via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Wolf Harranth maintains a website http://www.audiopool.at where he posted recordings of the DRM press conference at Berlin, including the remarks by Peter Senger on DW transmissions to Europe and 6075 kHz. (This became also my plan B, in case anybody noted the lament in DXLD I could not hesitate to write down.) (Kai Ludwig, Germany, 09.18.05 - 12:59 pm, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. 177 kHz DRM mode, hierzu der Kommentar von Noel aus England: I've also been hearing the DRM transmissions on 177; the signal is not strong enough to cause harmful interference to adjacent stations at my location but there is, of course, only 6 kHz spacing between 171, 177, 183 and 189 with Turkey "sandwiched" in between on the correct channel of 180. The simple solution would be to move 177 to 261 and 183 to 180 - but maybe that's just wishful thinking! (Noel R. Green, UK, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 13 via DXLD)

** GERMANY. ALEMANHA - Participe do tradicional concurso da SeÁ„o de LÌngua Inglesa da DW e concorra ao sorteio de receptores digitais de ondas curtas. AtÈ 30 de setembro, deves responder a seguinte quest„o:

em qual data ocorreu a unificaÁ„o entre a Rep˙blica Democr·tica da Alemanha e a Rep˙blica Federal da Alemanha? 1) trÍs de outubro de 1989? 2) trÍs de outubro de 1990? 3) trÍs de outubro de 1991? EndereÁos: DW, English Service, 53110, Bonn, Alemanha. E-mail: newslink @ dw-world.de A dica È do LeÙnidas dos Santos Nascimento, de S„o Jo„o Evangelista (MG). (CÈlio Romais, via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Some DTK T-Systems changes:
Pan American Broadcasting (PAB):
1530-1600 13840 WER 250 kW / 090 deg Sat to SAs Hindi, addit. from Oct. 8
1600-1630 13820 JUL 100 kW / 100 deg Thu to ME Persian, addit. from Sep. 1
1600-1630 13820 JUL 100 kW / 100 deg Sat to ME Persian, deleted from Sep. 3
2000-2015   9430 WER 250 kW / 180 deg Sun to NAf English, addit. from Sep. 4
Brother Stair/The Overcomer Ministries (TOM), English:
1400-1600   6110 JUL 100 kW / non-dir to WEu addit. from Sep. 12
1400-1600 13810 WER 250 kW / 120 deg to ME addit. from Sep. 14
1600-1800   9845 WER 250 kW / non-dir to WEu ex WER 500 kW
1800-2000 13810 JUL 100 kW / 120 deg to ME deleted from Sep. 14

HCJB (The Voice of Andes):
1700-1800   6015 WER 125 kW / non-dir to WEu German, ex JUL 100 kW
(Observer, Bulgaria, Sept 19 via DXLD)

** GUAM. Re KSDA, 5-158: ``The engineer showed me a 1.2 gigawatt generator that was once used, and they are trying to get rid of it. Nobody has claimed it yet.``

Another one slipped by me. That would be one helluva generator, and no wonder no one claimed it. Actually, such a SW station should get by with only 1/1000 that much power, a 1.2 megawatt generator (gh, DXLD)

** GUAM. Re Barrigada: I noticed at this site there were approximately over 30 types of the same antenna. And they were anywhere from 1000 feet from the main building to 200 feet. I frequently travel to the place and had noticed the antennas after Typhoon Pongsang went through. It ripped a larger one apart and was never rebuilt.

I drove by there yesterday in hopes of getting someone to tell me more and there were several around but they never spoke a word. I was hoping on even seeing the station but they got a government property sign on the fence.

Off in the distance are some more elaborate antennas, the [Wollen]weber class and there are at least 3 or 4 of those. This place

is huge and sits about 5 miles from Guam international airport. I am planning to make another visit later after I visit my friends at KTWR. At least maybe they can tell me more on who owns the antennas. 73's from Guam (Larry Fields, n6hpx/kh2, antenna discussion via DXLD)

Radio Barrigada update --- Well I got some mixed news about the antenna farm. It`s what`s called DORIS, and can be found at http://ids.cls.fr/html/doris/station/GUAB.shtml [see below]

I learned this through two groups. One of `em is a member of antennex and the other is a former member of KTWR who told me it`s a highly secret listening station. The antennas appear to be directional dipoles and there are some others I haven't been able to view from where the first group is. They are about 1 mile away. The tall 200 foot towers hold only long wires and they are also fed into the same house area as the others. I tried to ask around but nobody near the place that I saw would chat. The one guy who passed it to me from KTWR said it`s owned by many different government groups. And they use it only for listening. So hope someday to meet with someone on it but it`s the best kept secret on Guam (Larry Fields, n6hpx/kh2, Sept 18, soon to sail for Singapore, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Nothing found at that URL, even if you change GUAB to GUAM or guam, but leads back to this, which would seemingly not be on HF: http://ids.cls.fr/

International Doris Service: is a Doppler satellite tracking system developed for precise orbit determination and precise ground location. It is onboard the TOPEX/POSEIDON, Jason-1 and ENVISAT altimetric satellites and the remote sensing satellites SPOT-2, SPOT-4 and SPOT-5. It also flew with SPOT-3. IDS is an international service which provides a support, through DORIS data and products, to geodetic, geophysical, and other research and operational activities (via gh, DXLD)

** GUYANA. Hola Glenn, Saludos desde Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA. Reactivada The Voice of Guyana el pasado 18/09, a las 0201 UT, en los 3291.17 kHz, con SINPO 33322. Con locutor de guardia y temas de los aÒos 60. SeÒal relativamente fuerte pero modulaciÛn muy baja. Captada m·s tarde, a las 2231, en 3291.12 kHz, pero sin modulaciÛn alguna. Esta emisora tenÌa meses fuera del aire y tuvo una efÌmera reactivaciÛn en recientes semanas. 73s y buen DX (Ad·n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3291.12, GBC, 0900 to 1030 young woman with news, Talk between om and yl, very poor audio level. The third attempt to return to shortwave. 18 September (Bob Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, Florida ICOM R75 ~ NRD 535D Long wire antenna, HCDX via DXLD) See UNIDENTIFIED

** INDIA. Dear Friends, The following tests from AIR seems to be over, as they are not heard now.

Aligarh 9470 0130-1230 Bangalore 9425 0130-1230. These stations carry normal National Programs on these frequencies at 1320-0043.

Mumbai. Today morning AIR FM Gold program (100 kW) was noted on 7240 instead of the normal 7195. I made a telephone call to the station and putting me on hold they immediately changed the channel at around 0235 UT. It has happened earlier also. 7240 by the way is their A Channel frequency (50 kw) used later in the day.

Kolkata: AIR Kolkata noted on 7200 instead of 7210 at around 0230 UT. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Sept 18, dx_india via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9680.0, KGRE (Kang Guru Radio English) program via RRI Jakarta (Cimanggis), Sept 18 [Sunday], 1000-1020, announcers Kevin (Dalton) and Rachel (Pearson) interview a nurse and chef about their jobs, student who received an Australian Development Scholarship talked about studying for the diplomatic corps, Australian singing group ``The Wiggles,`` with song about food, comments about Aceh by the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, David Ritchie, AusAID helps make this program possible, many mentions of the August 2005 KGRE magazine. Thanks to Ron Killick, NZ, HCDX via DXLD 5-160 for the tip. Their website http://www.kangguru.org/ is fairly good, with information about some of the RRI stations (click on ``radio,`` at the bottom of the page, click on ``RRI Station Profiles``). (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That is, http://www.kangguru.org/radio/rristationprofiles.htm --- some in English, some in Indonesian, some with frequency and schedule info (gh)

** INTERNATIONAL. Why did the government take over the CBS shortwave transmitter site in Delano, CA, and the NBC shortwave station in Dixon, CA, in addition to WLWO-SW, WLWS-SW, and WLWR-SW from when they were aligned with mediumwave station WLW?

Why did the government shut down the Dixon transmitter site, and the Bethany, OH transmitter site?

Was the Greenville transmitter site built to replace both the NBC and CBS shortwave stations in New York, and New Jersey?

Was the NHK transmitter site in Yamata, Japan built in '42, and with

transmitters with call letters JOB/D replacing the earlier transmitters with call letters: JOB-10, JOB-9, JOB-8, etc.?

Why did BBC build the Rampisham, Skelton, and Wooferton transmitter sites if there was already enough transmitters at Daventry to broadcast to various parts to the world?

I already got an e-mail from BBC, saying that the mediumwave transmitter was shut down in '78.

Do you know when the longwave transmitter at Daventry was shut down? Also, do you know why the BBC transmission service was privatized, and bought out by both Merlin, and Crown Castle? (Matt, truckmatt @ ameritech.net DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. VOIRI in Urdu noted on 11695 (Kalamabad 500 kW/118 deg) at 1332 with good signal; had Holy Kor`an running until 1342 and then fanfare and into news; signal dropped to fair level by 1400. Surprisingly, with declining 31 mb signals at this hour I happened to note // 9665 at 1335 (also Kalamabad, 500 kW/178 deg) with fair/poor level but it was gone at 1400 recheck. 9/18, using Sony ICF-7600G with the Sony AN-LP1 loop antenna, in Mays Landing, NJ (Joe Hanlon, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non?]. 9135 kHz, IRIB um 2107 UT mit dem arabischsprachigen Programm. Um 2114 klare ID "Sawt al jumuhiriya till islamiya fi Iran". s/off 2127. SINPO: 24332. Auf jeden Fall eine merkwuerdige Frequenz (Patrick Robic, Austria, A-DX Sep 16 via BCDX via DXLD)

WB: ?? Gibt es einen Zusammenhang mit dem genauso dubiosen US Propagandasender "Coalition Maritime Forces" auf 9133 kHz aus Manama Bahrain Hafen ??

PR: Vorstellbar waere es. Allerdings hab ich CMF schon laenger nicht mehr gehoert, und auch keine Logs gesehen.

WB: Als Jamming der persischen Sicherheitsdienste wuerde ja der Zugriff auf das Arabisch Programm von IRIB Sinn machen, das alles mit mit 2 kHz Versatz. Damit sind die Amis im Persischen Golf und Indischen Ozean zugedeckt.

PR: Die Staerke (oder besser gesagt die Schwaeche) des Signals ist ja doch eher ungewoehnlich fuer IRIB, daher hatte ich Anfangs auch an irgendeine Clandestine-Station gedacht, bis ich die ID hoerte. Ich wollte ja auch nach \\ Freqs suchen, aber offiziell wird zu dieser Zeit nur auf der MW in Ar gesendet, und da war leider nix zu hoeren (Patrick Robic, A-DX Sep 16, ibid.)

9135/9133 should be checked against IRIB's Arabic sce:

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 3985 1630-0330 39,40       MAS 500   0 ARABIC IRN IRB
 6025 1630-0330 37-39       MAS 500 255 ARABIC IRN IRB
 7285 1530-0330 38,39,47,48 MAS 500 238 ARABIC IRN IRB
 9935 1630-0530 37,38,39    SIR 500 295 ARABIC IRN IRB
13790 0230-1430 38,39       KAM 500 178 ARABIC IRN IRB
13800 0230-1430 38,39       ZAH 500 289 ARABIC IRN IRB
15125 0330-1630 39          MAS 500 210 ARABIC IRN IRB
15150 0530-1630 37,38,39    SIR 500 295 ARABIC IRN IRB
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(BCDX Sept 19 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Re 5-163, IBA tests at 0930-1030: Hello Glenn, Israel still on 17600 today (Sept 19) with good signal here in France. Regards (JM Aubier, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Was supposed to switch to 15760 starting Sept 18 (gh)

** ITALY [and non]. My Studio DX (0900 UT on Sunday on AWR, 11775) is also on Radio Studio X [Momigno, Italy, 1584 kHz] (Sunday 1005 UT and Tuesday 2300 UT; from October 31 one hour later). Issue 116 is on line for streaming on http://www.radioascolto.net/studiodx (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Radio friend, Here is my latest log from Europe: 11775 kHz, AWR Europe/RVS, Germany via Juelich. Sept. 18 at 0902-0908. SINPO 34333. During this time slot I heard Studio DX #116, main points: read latest reception reports, new Antarctic expedition, radio amateur news, test DRM, report about new DRM receivers at IFA Berlin. Another ID in Italian at 0929 UT; moderate storm on 25 mt .band between 0900-0915 UT (Nino Marabello, Treviso, Italy, SONY SW7600G, Ant. VHF outdoor at 250 degrees, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non?]. IRAN/IRAQ, 4410 at 1553 UT, "Eira Dengi Sarbakhoye Kurdistana Iran" (presumably Voice of the Independent Iranian Kurdistan) was heard on Sep 3rd. But on 4th: some kHz down, *1459-1556* on 4000 kHz, jammed by Iran?

4160 "Voice of Independence" station in Kurdish and Arabic, herad poor at about 1558-1630* UT, Sep 3 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 3-4 via DXLD)

4410 kHz, hymn at 1500 UT, prayer at 1506 (Sep 3); on Sep 4: *1500-1556* in Kurdish and rarely in Persian, ID "Eira Dengi Sarbakhoye Kurdistana Iran" (or approx "Here is the Voice of Independent Iranian Kurdistan), jammed by Iran. Seems to be a NEW STATION because the other "Voice of Independence" was at 1545 UT on 4160 and there were no \\. MW 990 with home service at 0130 in Persian + jammer were heard on Sep 11 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 18 via DXLD)

V. of Iranian Revolution was noticed Sep 13 1715 on 3880.4 / 4395.7 / 6391.2 kHz; at 1719 UT on 3880.4 jumped to 3871.0, others stayed. Again listened in 1805 UT to hear them on 3880.6 / 4365.1 kHz. Nothing but jammer on 6 MHz (on 6420.0). In latest reports I've seen it should not be there at this hour? Going strong since 1983 (Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 14 via DXLD)

** KURE ATOLL [and non]. KH7K - The K7C Kure DXpedition [425DXN 749] departed Honolulu at 18:13 local time on 15 September (04.13 UTC on 16 September). For information about the team's whereabouts and schedule, stay tuned to the K7C Web site's DXA application in the "Messages" section. They will also attempt to be QRV from the Machias, most likely on 20 metres, as K7C/MM. The K7C Expedition is proud to name as Honorary Expedition Leader, Kimo Chun, KH7U, "without whose tireless and exhaustive support the expedition would simply not been possible". They also wish to dedicate the expedition to the memory of Hugh "Cass" Cassidy, WA6AUD, "whose visionary wisdom in the West Coast DX Bulletin opened the door to much of DXing culture that we take for granted today". [TNX KH7U and N0AX] (425 DX News via Dave Raycroft, ODXA via DXLD)

KH7, KURE ISLAND. Another press release (Kure-Osity #5, dated Sept 15th) was sent out by Ward, N0AX, this past week just before leaving for Kure. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as well as other Kure-Osity press releases as an additional bulletin. In excerpts from the press release Ward states, "After a lot of boat loading, box packing, rope tying, and nautical things the words for which escape me at the moment, the K7C expedition is ready to sail on the ebb tide this afternoon!" The K7C team did leave that afternoon aboard the "Machias" for their 9 day trip to Kure. Actually, Kimo Chun, KH7U, reported:

"The K7C Kure DXpedition departed from Honolulu at 6:13 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST), Thursday, September 15, 2005 (0413z, 16 Sept 05 - UTC). All preparations went well. They left with a rainbow in the sky at their back and a setting sun to guide them out of Keehi Lagoon. Hopefully, the following sea will aid in speeding them towards Kure Atoll at the Northwest end of the Hawaiian Island chain."

It has also been reported that the K7C Expedition also wishes to dedicate the expedition to the memory of Hugh "Cass" Cassidy, WA6AUD, whose visionary wisdom in the "West Coast DX Bulletin" opened the door to much of DXing culture that we take for granted today.

For more information about the team's whereabouts and schedule, stay tuned to the K7C Web site's DXA application in the "Messages" section. They will also attempt to be active from the "Machias", most likely on 20 meters, as K7C/MM. As of Saturday, the team has not set up a radio

on the "Machias". The DXA Web page is: http://www.cordell.org/DXA

Subject: Kure-Osity #5 - We Sail Today! Mime-Version: 1.0

After a lot of boat loading, box packing, rope tying, and nautical things the words for which escape me at the moment, the K7C expedition is ready to sail on the ebb tide this afternoon! The weather has been a bit stormy in the evenings, but through the day it is the blissful KH6 blue sky and sun you might imagine. We anticipate a following sea on our 1300-mile cruise out past the pinnacles, seamounts, and islands of the Hawaiian chain.

We would like to extend our special thanks to Kimo KH6U and Pat NH7UY as our exceptional local hosts and organizers. Also, we would like to thank the numerous Honolulu hams that have lent a hand in hosting, hauling, and hosanna-ing the team. Without these folks in the background, the expedition would be far more difficult, costly, and risky. Thanks to all of you and also for sending us off in such fine style at dinner last night.

The team would also like to extend condolences to the family of Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD. Cass' contributions to DXing are legendary and inspirational to many of us over the years. His grand "DX Is!", while possibly not original, was so strongly communicated and resonates so deeply within the DX community in capturing the essence of why we pursue these dreams and goals.

For information about the team's whereabouts and schedule, stay tuned to the K7C Web site's DXA application in the "Messages" section. We will also attempt to be QRV from the Machias, most likely on 20-meters, as K7C/MM. It will be fun to touch base with you from the Pacific as we wend our way slowly towards the setting sun.

From all of us on the K7C team - Aloha and Mahalo (thanks) for your support and encouragement. See you in the pileups! 73, Ward N0AX

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Date: Thu, 15 Sep 2005 18:50:05 -0500 (CDT)
From: hwardsil @ centurytel.net
Subject: Kure-Osity #6 - Honors and Dedications

Please forward far and wide - all newsletter editors may feel free to use this on any basis. If I type any more, we'll miss the boat - so, aloha!

Kimo Chun KH6U --- The K7C Expedition is proud to name as Honorary Expedition Leader, Kimo Chun KH7U, without whose tireless and exhaustive support the expedition would simply not been possible.

Kimo's essential good nature and bottomless generosity typify the island spirit of Aloha, for which we all are deeply grateful. Mahalo, Kimo!

Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD --- The K7C Expedition also wishes to dedicate the expedition to the memory of Hugh "Cass" Cassidy WA6AUD whose visionary wisdom in the West Coast DX Bulletin opened the door to much of DXing culture that we take for granted today. One can think of no more Deserving individual than Cass. DX truly Is, OM. 73, Ward N0AX (via OPDX via Dave Raycroft, ODXA via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 6030, Sep 18, 1505- KGZ: Tentative: R. Maranatha. I haven't managed to hear a definite ID from this. The sign-on is usually 1455, but sometimes 1505 as today (Mauno Ritola, Finland, HCDX Online Log via DXLD)

** MALI. 7286.3, R. Mali, Kati, observed on 18 SEP 0854-1200, Vernacular, tribal songs, talks, French, news magazine for Sunday; 25442, stronger audio than in the past, // 11960 only; noted in Vernacular again 1200 when very poor (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 4810 lsb, Radio Transcontinental de America - XERTA, 0254-0340 Sep 16, Spanish talks by various announcers. Formal ID and frequency announcement at 0300. More talks, some music and frequent IDs. Fair in LSB but buried in crud in upper (Rich D'Angelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheeet via DXLD)

4810, XERTA good at 0352 9/16 with Spanish discussion of women, children, and family issues in Latin America; no ID at TOH; best in LSB; consistently good for most of the week (Jim Ronda, OK, ibid.)

4809v, R. Transcontinental, 0843-0904, Sept. 17, Spanish/ English, OM with Spanish talks and SP/EG ballads. YL in Spanish with ID at 0853. Fair. Tuned down to avoid ute on 4810 (Scott Barbour, NH, dxldyg via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. Re unID on 31m (9730?) --- ``There have been other reports of surprisingly western music from Yangon, I think. But you are a lot closer to Myanmar than I am. You could probably hear them on MW at night, 576 kHz with same programming as on SW including English. Unless a local station blocks it (Glenn to Varakorn)``

A local station does block it. However, I have actually logged Vietnam AMs over local frequencies. I hear my usual Thai program, I turn my radio around 90 degrees and hear Vietnamese instead. BTW, attached is a closedown I just freshly recorded today (with the end of a program). It does appear to say "Myanmar Radio Yangon" (or Yegu, which is where

their transmitters are located). (Varakorn Ungvichian, Thailand, Sept 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 9520.0, RNZI, Sept 15, 1256-1259:00*, weak, says to retune to 6095, which I did for *1259:30, fair. Sept 17 on 15720 at 2100 special coverage of the elections, talking to the various candidates (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria. Heard them 9/8 0500-0515+, S-3 to S-7 on 7255 x-15120 (deep fading) on E1 using only the whip, clear ID by woman at 0515 "You are listening to the Voice of Nigeria, Lagos". She doesn't have much of an accent (maybe 50% readable) but the man does (maybe 10% readable). There is a low-pitched hum on their signal in the background, otherwise in the clear. Flare with unsettled conditions at the time according to your website (George Sherman, MN, PTSW Sept 17 via DXLD) 0500-0700 via schedule. -ds (Daniel Sampson, PTSW ed., ibid.)

** NORTH AMERICA. USA, Pirate KCBM, 6990 SSB at 0300, 2-3 guy talk on Three Stooges, Star Trek, Hostess treats, interspersed with long musical interludes ('70s rock?), gave http://www.frn.net address for QSL, said were up to QSL #19 (all this on Sept. 4 GMT, Sat. night PDT), on again Sept. 11, same time and format with talk on Gunsmoke, read my name and reception report, said I would get QSL #21 (haven't received yet), claim to be the pirate voice of Southern California, off usually around 0500, listenable except when on long in/out fade (Eric Bryan, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PARAGUAY. 9736.98v, Radio Nacional del Paraguay, Sept 17, 0842-0916, LA music and songs, 0855-0900 possibly news, several IDs, fair-good, in the clear with no QRM from 9735. Sept 18 at 0058 on 9736.7v, good signal but with considerable splatter from 9735 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. In A05-19th August version, the following change took place, presumably as from the date when the RDP message was sent to me, i.e. last Friday, 16/9: 13595 kHz replaces 13590 to Europe Mo-Fri 1600-1900, Sats+Suns 1400-2000. I'd certainly have liked to see the B05 attached to the RDP info. Best 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Original Message ----- From: Teresa Abreu
To: 'Carlos L.R.de A. GonÁalves'
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 12:40 PM

Exmo. Sr. Carlos GonÁalves, Informamos que a frequÍncia da nossa transmiss„o para a Europa das 1600-1900 UTC (2™ a 6™ feira) e 1400-

2000 UTC (s·bados e domingos) em 13590 kHz foi substituÌda por 13595 kHz. Gratos pela sua colaboraÁ„o apresentamos os melhores cumprimentos. Teresa Beatriz Abreu Gabinete de Tecnologias de Transmiss„o e Difus„o (via GonÁalves, DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. Frequency change for RDP R. Portugal in Portuguese to WeEu from Sep. 15, to avoid BVBN:
1400-2000 Sat/Sun NF 13595 LIS 300 kW / 045 deg, ex 13590
1600-1900 Mon-Fri NF 13595 LIS 300 kW / 045 deg, ex 13590
(Observer, Bulgaria, Sept 19 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. St. Petersburg 801 to be back on the air --- On 31 August, the independent broadcaster "Narodnoye Radio" http://www.narodinfo.ru received a license to transmit from St. Petersburg on 801 kHz with 500 kW. The transmitter is leased from Russia's national transmitter operator RTRN, and was earlier rented by the regional state broadcaster TRK Peterburg until it was closed down some years ago. (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, MWDX yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Voice of Russia has been noted on a non-listed frequency: 6180 kHz, in Russian, 01-02 UT, 32332 here on Sep 18, in parallel to 5900 (Eike Bierwirth, 04317 Leipzig, DL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA Riyadh observed on 13 mb at 1300-1355 UT: On nominal 21505 and 21640 kHz, as well as on spurs 21412 and 21775 kHz. Radio Holy Qur`an on 21560 and 21600. Mixed - of both - program spurs on 21560 and 21680 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 7 via DXLD)

** SERBIA & MONTENEGRO [non]: New limited schedule for International Radio of Serbia & Montenegro:
1745-1758 Daily 6100 BEO 250 kW / non-dir Arabic to WeEu
1800-1828 Daily 6100 BEO 250 kW / 040 deg Russian to RUS
1830-1858 Daily 6100 BEO 250 kW / 310 deg English to WeEu
1900-1928 Daily 7200*BEO 250 kW / 250 deg Spanish to SoEu
1930-1958 Sun-Fri 6100 BEO 250 kW / 310 deg Serbian to WeEu
1930-2028 Sat 6100#BEO 250 kW / 310 deg Serbian to WeEu
2000-2028 Sun-Fri 6100#BEO 250 kW / 310 deg German to WeEu
2030-2058 Daily 6100#BEO 250 kW / 310 deg French to WeEu
*strong co-channel till 1926 CRI in Arabic via MSK 200 kW / 190 deg from Sep. 4
#strong co-channel from 2000 AWR in French/Hausa via MEY 250 kW / 350 & 328 deg

CANCELLED SERVICES:
Albanian/Bulgarian/Greek to Balkans
Chinese to East Asia
HS-1 in Serbian/Hungarian to Europe

English/Serbian to Australia and North America
Spanish to South America (Observer, Bulgaria, Sept 19 via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. SLBC external service schedule --- As promised, Alok das Gupta has monitored the current SLBC schedule for http://wwww.dxasia.info and reports:

SLBC has dropped all evening transmissions to India both in English and Hindi. Hindi 0030-0400 UT is now on 7275 (strong cochannel from AIR Chennai) and 11905 kHz. 2nd transmission is at 0800-1230 (Tamil is now at 1130-1230 UT) on 7275 and 11905 kHz. Transmission closes at 1230 UT. Also English in the evening is completely dropped. The Sinhala service to ME at 1610-1840 is now on 11715 kHz. Revised schedule at http://www.dxasia.info/html/slbc.html (Andy Sennitt, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 4749.997, 12.9 1830, Radio Peace close-down after a snippet of music and call ``This is Radio Peace`` O=3 SA

5894.996, 8.9 1705, Radio Peace after log in SWB! O=2-3 SA
(Stig Adolfsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN [non]. Nothing could be heard on 15120 kHz in DRM mode tonight at Stuttgart 49 North. 1815-1845 UT, via Sackville-CAN. Better signals on 15435 DW Sines and 7465 BBCWS Kvitsoe, S/N 17 to 23 dB at same time.

DREAM software couldn't decode DRM signal from Sackville on subsequent days. Signal seems suffering here in southern Germany. I fear DRM is a single-hop mode happening only (Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX Sept 19 via DXLD) You mean on Sept 19? May have ceased by then (gh, DXLD)

** SYRIA. At 1730-1800 two different programs were heard, both in Russian with different songs on MW 783 and 9330 kHz. At 1750 UT on 783 kHz anti-US commentary and 2 min later same was aired on 9330. Home Service in Arabic was heard at 1645 on 666 \\ 747, 918, 936 and 1071 kHz (Sep 10) (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 18 via DXLD)

** TURKEY. 6140, Voice of Turkey, Sept 19 at 0314 UT in English with "DX Corner"- which is another mailbag program --- they need to rename this! (Bill Bergadano, NJ, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** TURKEY. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S PERSONAL WEBSITE STARTS "MINI BROADCASTS" | Text of report by Turkish newspaper Vatan website on 17 September

Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul's personal website, GulTV, has begun

broadcasting. The site broadcasts the minister's speeches in parliament, interviews and TV news. The site, which is updated ever day, also carries photographs and stories of the Gul family and world leaders. The personal website has the address http://www.abdullahgul.gen.tr and has the words GUL TV written underneath an image in a TV screen that began broadcasting a while ago. GUL TV has high ratings and carries recordings of speeches and talks he gave in Parliament and on several TV channels such as NTV, CNN and TRT.

People visiting the site can listen to any of 33 speeches by clicking on the options. The aim of the mini broadcast is stated as: "We are at your service with our mini broadcast by which we can reach you directly. We are not a professional TV service. Our aim is for you to follow speeches we give as a parliamentary deputy as well as to express our ideas in private interviews. We will occasionally address you with topics not seen in the press."

The website contains all information on Gul for those who have been curious since the day the Justice and Development Party came to power, and it also has a video gallery. This gallery contains Gul's CV, images of him watching soccer matches with his friends, telephone conversations and chats with the public. Source: Vatan website, Istanbul, in Turkish 17 Sep 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** U K. Tonight I checked (media behaviour, you understand) the BBC coverage of the elections in Germany and was quite surprised to find places in Berlin called ``Alexander Platz`` or ``Singer Strasse``. Has the BBC a general policy to put foreign names into English spelling? They may consider it as too much trouble to write Singerstrafle (or Schrˆder...), but if so it would still be the Singerstrasse, and the Alexanderplatz anyway. Good night, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. A promo on VOA's "Nightline Africa" said "Hip-Hop Connection," which airs at 1900 UT on Saturdays, will expand from the current half-hour to one-hour, beginning November 6 (Mike Cooper, Sep 17, DXLD) CHW (gh)

** U S A [non]. Some VOA changes:
Afan/Oromo
1730-1800 Mon-Fri on 9875 11905 13870, ex 1600-1630 on 11705 11790
15205 Mon-Fri
Amharic
1800-1900 Daily on 9875 11905 13870, ex 1800-1900 on 11895 13670
13835 Mon-Fri
Tigrigna
1900-1930 Mon-Fri on 9875 11905 13870, ex 1630-1700 on 11705 11790

15205 Mon-Fri
Kurdish
1800-1900 Daily NF 11530, ex 11905 \\ 9625 15545
Turkish
1800-1900 Daily NF 11865, ex 9385 \\ 11925 15235
Urdu (Radio Aap Ki Dunyaa)
1700-1800 Daily NF 9585, ex 11905 \\ 9315 12155
(Observer, Bulgaria, Sept 19 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. CZECH REP.(non): Some RFE/RL changes:
1800-1900 Azeri on 11865, deleted
1700-1800 Turkmen NF 9390, ex 9595
0200-0400 Uzbek NF 15460, additional
1600-1800 Uzbek NF 9840, additional
1700-1800 Uzbek NF 9595, ex 9390
(Observer, Bulgaria, Sept 19 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. KUWAIT/UAE Radio "Sawa" is already on MW 1170 kHz instead of Radio "Farda" (now heard only on 1575 kHz and SW). Common news in Arabic from "Sawa" were at 0215 UT on 990 CYP, 1260 GRC, 1170 UAE, 1548 KWT, 1431 DJI --- all heard here on Sep 11 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 18 via DXLD)

MW outlets on 1170 and 1575 kHz earlier carried Radio Farda, but heard Sept 1-7: 1575 Farda, 1170 Sawa.

Common news at 1715 UT on all these: 990 CYP, 1260 Rhodes GRC, 1170 UAE, 1431 DJI, 1548 KWT, but from 1720 UT three different music programs noted: 990+1260; 1170+1548; 1431 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Sep 3-7 via DXLD)

kHz time progr feeder txloc ant-degr
990 0000-2400 SAW MRN3 ARAB CYP 134

1170 0000-2000 FRD FRD PE DHB 000 til July 1st
1170 0000-2000 SAW MRN4 ARAB DHB 000 from July 9th
1170 2000-2400 FRD FRD PE DHB 000 til July 30th
1170 2000-2400 SAW MRN4 ARAB DHB 000 from July 8th

1260 0000-0800 SAW MRN3 ARAB RHO 134
1260 0900-1400 ERT ERT VAR RHO 134
1260 1500-2400 SAW MRN3 ARAB RHO 134

1431 0000-2400 SAW MRN6 ARAB DJI non-dir

1548 0000-2400 SAW MRN2 ARAB KWT 323

1575 0000-2400 FRD FRD PE DHB 000

1593 0000-0030 VOA A ENGL KWT 350
1593 0030-0100 VOA C ENGL KWT 350
1593 0100-0600 RFE RLIQ Arab KWT 350 Iraq special
1593 1300-1400 VOA H KURD KWT 350
1593 1400-1600 RFE RLIQ Arab KWT 350 Iraq special
1593 1600-1900 VOA M1 PERS KWT 350
1593 1900-2000 VOA H KURD KWT 350
1593 2000-2200 RFE RLIQ Arab KWT 350 Iraq special
1593 2200-2300 VOA A ENGL KWT 350
1593 2300-2330 VOA C ENGL KWT 350
1593 2330-2400 VOA A ENGL KWT 350 (BC DX Sept 19 via DXLD)

** U S A. WBCQ Schedule Notes, Sunday, September 18, 2005

The Church of the Subgenius Hour of Slack will premiËre on WBCQ 7415 today [Sunday] at 2100 UT. The Hour of Slack is being sponsored by "The Bowling League." More information can be found at http://www.subgenius.com/ts/hos.html

Radio Classics will be ending their brief run on 7415 at 0000 Sunday. The classic Undercover Radio, heard often in the pirate bands, will air a few episodes at this time over the next few weeks; then The Hour of Slack will be taking over the Sunday 0000 timeslot.

7415 was off-air due to a transmitter problem on Saturday, September 10. All programming was on 9330 from 1900 on; and also on 5105 from 2300 on. Conditions ranged from poor to good throughout the whole evening, with both services variably audible throughout the evening. 7415 was back online for the next day's programming (Larry Will, Sept 18, the WBCQ Program Guide, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. Am writing this as I listen to SW on Saturday night (UT 9/18/05 Sunday morning) and a strange series of multi-station dÈj‡-vu has occurred. "Radio Classics" on WBCQ at 0000 on 7415 was a repeat of last week's program, an episode of "Life With Luigi". I wasn't surprised that IT was a repeat, because last week it was running late and the end of the episode was chopped off at the end of the hour. But then "Marion's Attic" came on, and IT, too, was a repeat of last week's program; I distinctly remembered some of the banter and comments between the musical selections. Hmmm. Then I switched over to WWCR on 5070 to catch DX Partly Line, because I had tuned in late to the direct-from-Ecuador airing that morning. But there, on WWCR, they aired *last week's* DXPL at 0200 UT! How likely is this sequence?

WWCR then DID air the correct current W0R (#1287) at 0230 UT, so that broke the chain of repeats. But I found that coincidence rather eerie. 73, (Will Martin, MO, UT Sept 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** U S A. 5835, WWL relay, Sept 16, 0531-0541 & 0810-0851, still going strong with Jeff and Al call-in program, weather, news updates (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15285 was booming in on the car radio at until 1658 UT Sept 17 when URBONO was cut off in mid-word; back on a few seconds later with much weaker signal, beam having changed, WHR ID and programming as scheduled on Saturdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn - has anyone stated why WWL / WHRI started the relay service? Just curious to understand the rationale. I am wondering if what WHRI is doing is picking up the webcast & sending that audio to the transmitter (Richard Cuff, Sept 16, ODXA via DXLD)

I have never heard or seen anything to answer your first question. I also wonder if 15 MHz isn`t just a bit too high for a solid signal from SC to LA in the daytime, a rather short path. Yes, the long delay of some 2 minutes now, matches the delay on the webcast, someone noticed earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looking ahead to another hurricane which ravages Texas as well as Louisiana, that area would be called ``La-Tex`` (hyphen optional). O, o, maybe that`s already in use, the rubbery product named after the petrochemical industry in those two states. Make it Lou-Tex. Or Texiana, or Louxas. Axually, we have a lot of choices (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. HURRICANE WATCH NET TO ACTIVATE IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM RITA

NEWINGTON, CT, Sep 19, 2005 --- As Tropical Storm Rita heads toward the Florida Keys, WX4NHC, the Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center in Miami will activate operations September 19 at 9 PM EDT (0100Z Sep 20). The operation will continue until Rita clears land and enters the Gulf of Mexico. Amateur Radio Assistant Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4R, reports that WX4NHC will be monitoring the Hurricane Watch Net on 14.325 MHz. . .
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/19/2/?nc=1
(via John Norfolk, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. NN TO CREATE RADIO STATION FOR DISASTER NEWS --- The City Council will invest up to $150,000 for a low-power AM operation that will broadcast emergency information during trouble or crisis.

BY FRED CARROLL September 15 2005

NEWPORT NEWS -- A low-power AM radio station won't provide weather

updates, evacuation orders or other disaster-related news before Hurricane Ophelia hits, but Newport News officials expect it to broadcast in time for next year's hurricane season.

The City Council voted Tuesday to spend about $150,000 for radio equipment, including repeater stations so the weak signal reaches all parts of a city that's more than 20 miles long.

The purchase stems from problems that officials had getting timely emergency information to residents when much of the Peninsula was without power for days after Hurricane Isabel created havoc in September 2003.

"During a disaster, people need accurate information," Mayor Joe Frank said. For example, many people didn't know where to pick up free bags of ice until a few days after those bags were available, said Jack Williamson, emergency management coordinator.

Without power, many people couldn't turn on television sets. With limited batteries, they couldn't necessarily leave radios on in hopes of catching news specific to Newport News.

Officials said Virginia Beach operated a similar radio station, which was comparable to the station that the state highway department used to broadcast interstate traffic conditions.

The city of Newport News has received a license from the Federal Communications Commission. The station's call letters haven't been assigned. Butch Blanks, management services director, said officials would organize a publicity campaign to promote the station when it began operating sometime in the spring. Copyright (c) 2005, Daily Press (via Mike Cooper, DXLD) WTFK?

** U S A. POLICE RACISM CHARGE JARS BRISTOL --- Sergeant Resigns, Captain On Leave After Complaint About Broadcast Racial Slurs
September 17, 2005

By DON STACOM, Courant Staff Writer BRISTOL [CT] -- A sergeant resigned abruptly Friday and the police department's second in command was put on administrative leave after accusations surfaced that they broadcast racial slurs over a "pirate" FM radio station.

The sergeant periodically used a homemade studio in the basement of his city home for the middle-of-the-night racist broadcasts, according to the NAACP, which held a press conference Friday at police headquarters to publicize the complaint.

The unlicensed broadcasts were billed as WNFR - "Nigger-Free Radio,"

according to the NAACP and state Rep. Roger Michele, D-Bristol, who lodged the complaint. . .
http://www.courant.com/hc-bricops0917.artsep17,0,6858115.story
(Front page of Hartford Courant, via Bill Nollman, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. Apparently the Indiana legislature voted a while back to begin observing daylight saving time. Due to the slapdash way in which time is currently kept in Indiana (most of the state is on Eastern time and does not observe DST, but some counties in the western part of the state are on Central time and do observe DST and some counties in the eastern part of the state are on Eastern time and unofficially observe DST), the state petitioned the Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over time matters, to make a determination as to where the Eastern/Central dividing line should go. The DOT has a "rule" that says, "one state, one time zone". (Apparently no one told Florida about this.)

Well, in typical government fashion, what started as an effort to unify the state and get them in step with the rest of the country on DST has turned into quite a hornets nest. The counties that have traditionally been on Central time want to stay that way, and several other counties have petitioned the DOT to be moved to the Central time zone. But the counties that have asked to be moved don't line up cleanly. If all the applications are approved, travelling due north or south a few miles could move you from one time zone to another even though you haven't left the state.

An editorial in the Elkhart Truth contained the following suggestion: "Eastern? Central? Let's create Eastral time for the whole state. We could set our clocks on the half-hour between Eastern and Central and keep the same time year round. We could call it DSqT -- Daylight Squandering Time." I have to wonder if the writer is a former NRC board member. ;-) (Jay Heyl, ABDX via DXLD)

CLOCK TICKING AS INDIANA PUZZLES OVER TIME ZONES

Indiana's decision this year to observe daylight-saving time statewide was supposed to end 30 years of clock-changing confusion. Instead, it started a battle that could create a state time-zone system as puzzling as a Rubik's Cube. . . http://tinyurl.com/8bm67
(via Andy Sennitt, dxldyg via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 9620.6, SODRE, Montevideo (no ID, but what else?) noted on 16 SEP 2238-2249, opera songs; 24442, adjacent QRM de Canada 9625 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UZBEKISTAN. 5055, 2.9 1955, R Tashkent med tyska; 5060, 2.9 2135, R Tashkent med engelska LWV (Lennart Weirell, Sweden, SW Bulletin Sept

18 via DXLD) So they made a 5-kHz shift sometime between the German and English programs (gh, DXLD)

Radio Tashkent revised schedule 18 September 2005
Radio Tashkent has introduced a revised sched : 1200-1500 UT now uses 5060, 9715 and the new 11905 kHz (the first half hour is cochanneled by SLBC). http://www.dxasia.info/html/news.html#TK (via Alokesh Gupta, India, dxldyg via DXLD) That would include English 1200 & 1330 (gh)

Frequency changes of R. Tashkent:
1200-1330 English/Urdu/Hindi NF 11905, ex 7285
1330-1500 English/Urdu/Hindi NF 11905, ex 7285
1520-1550 Dari NF 11905*, ex 6190
1550-1630 Uzbek NF 11905*, ex 6190
* co-channel RFE Romanian till 1530 Mon-Fri and VOT in Turkmen 1530-1625 (Observer, Bulgaria, Sept 19 via DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. UZBEK PAPER RAPS REPORTERS FOR FOREIGN MEDIA IN VERSE

The Uzbek main daily, Xalq Sozi, has published a poem pouring scorn on correspondents of foreign media outlets, as officials stepped up pressure on the media ahead of a major trial over the 13 May Andijon disturbances scheduled to start on 20 September. The poem entitled: "To the hired correspondent", by the head of the state radio company, Abdusaid Kochimov, was accompanied by a cartoon of a snake wearing sunglasses and holding a microphone. The following is the text of the poem carried by Uzbek newspaper Xalq Sozi on 16 September:

Glasses on your forehead, poison on your mouth,
You wander days and nights like restless mouse.
Your face wrinkles when you see a beautiful garden
Your body shivers when you hear a gala all of a sudden
You dig in garbage and in mud,
You become happy to find some smut
You fuss like a slave who found gold
And immediately shout to the entire world:
- They cannot save gold!

Rubbish is all around the beautiful world!
Women are worthless, the young are hopeless,
The system itself is useless... [ellipses as published]
It is your business, it is your task,
And in greenbacks you trust.
You even can sell your wife for money,
No problems to let your Boss sleep with you honey...[ellipses as published]

Wherever there is noise you put on weight,

If nothing happens you lose some weight.
Your destiny is hard, your illness is incurable
I wouldn't wish your destiny even on a mongrel.
If your Boss dislikes a word of yours
You will find yourself jobless and in remorse
You have no choice then, but to dig in muck just like a crow
And look forward for your masters' mercy after you bow

You have no feeling of patriotism,
You lack sense of place and rhythm.
Even if they destroy all continents,
You will shake their dirty hands.
Your rely on thieves and fraudsters,
And never tired of praising those monsters.
Wherever you meet an idler boy
You interview him with a great joy:

-This life does not worth a penny,
When you learn your rights, my granny?
Then you tell them the answer you need,
(Teaching them how to lie is your 'good deed')
However, you rap us and criticize,
The only job of yours is to eulogize [one's masters].

We work for the prosperity of our population
Of our motherland and nation.
Our motherland is sacred place of ours,
We wish the world to be full of flowers.
If our neighbours arrange a wedding party,
We contribute to make it a joyful festivity.
We are not dependent on foreign misters, [sic]
We earn honestly and don't need shady dealings.
If we commend something then it is our lands,
It is our steppe, hills and highlands.

This motherland is ours with its beautiful gardens
and empty deserts, it is all ours.
Every Uzbek, be him healthy or sick
have him mole on his cheek
We love them all equally.
No matter whether they are fool or humble
We won't let them stumble.

We, ourselves, sow seeds of our vegetables
We, ourselves, set our tables.
On one day we eat well, on the other we may feel unwell
But we have no debts from others as well.

Thanks God, our hands and legs are in place
We know that we are going to the right place
We all walk in line together
And sing our national songs when we gather
If you like our songs, please, dance with us,
If not, then bite your nails and scratch your ass.

Do not worry about us, hey you,
We do not need you too.
You have sold the motherland for a cigar,
So, we can do without you to play a guitar.
Unlike you we are not slaves of body
We will give our country to nobody!
We know that dog will bark all the way,
While a caravan continues on its way.

Source: Xalq Sozi, Tashkent, in Uzbek 16 Sep 05 p4 (via BBCM via DXLD)
[gh grouped double-spaced lines, probably incorrectly]

** VANUATU [non]. See UNIDENTIFIED 729

** VIETNAM [non]. Que Huong Radio, via Vladivostok, Russia, 15680 kHz, Sept 17, 2005, 1200-1230 UT, very weak (23322), from 1205 accompanied by a horn-type noise (jammer?) I=2, jumped to S=3 at 1215. Time Signal, music, talk, reports in Vietnamese language, 1220 Vietnamese song (Eike Bierwirth, 04317 Leipzig, DL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. COMMENTARY TAKES ISSUE WITH BBC ONLINE PIECE ON CORRUPTION IN VIETNAM | Text of report headlined "Dark and hopeless schemes", carried in English by Vietnamese radio text website on 18 September

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Online on 7 September published a story written by Tuong Binh Minh, whom it described as a patriotic Vietnamese national in Hungary with strong criticism of the current corruption in Vietnam. In his article, Minh jumped to the wrong conclusion that this phenomenon stems from the nature of the regime and the leadership of the ruling Communist Party and that there is no democracy in Vietnam. VOV [Voice of Vietnam] has the following comment.

In fact, corruption not only exists in modern society, but it already appeared during the time of private ownership. This phenomenon is getting worse not only in Vietnam but also in many other countries in the world. According to surveys conducted recently by international anti-corruption organizations, corruption is happening in about 150 countries throughout the world and developing in almost all branches of activity and services as seen in West European countries,

industrialized countries and even the US.

In Southeast Asia alone, Indonesia and Thailand consider corruption and bribery a national scourge. According to the Indonesian media, corruption is worming its ways into all aspects of life. Thailand, a country of smiles, is also crying tears of frustration at its inability to cope with corruption. The two countries are taking bold measures against this phenomenon.

Corruption also exists in multi-party countries which claim to be democratic. There is no denying that the same thing will happen to any countries regardless of political regimes unless disciplines are strictly maintained and timely measures are taken to iron out snags in their development process.

Minh's argument that corruption in Vietnam stems from the nature of the regime, the leadership of the ruling communist party and the state of no democracy is an ill-intentioned distortion aimed at denying and abolishing socialism in the country.

Without considering the nature and origin of corruption, Minh appears to be playing ball with hostile forces against Vietnam. Genuine Vietnamese patriots, including those residing overseas, never act that way.

Vietnam and many other countries in the region and the world have been taking bold measures to do away with the evils of corruption. The Vietnamese government's determination was again confirmed by Prime Minister Phan Van Khai at the mid-year donor conference for Vietnam in Hanoi last April. The Vietnamese government has sent many delegations abroad to learn foreign experience in the fight against corruption. The National Assembly is collecting public opinions on the draft law on corruption prevention and control. All these efforts are testimony to the party and state's strong determination to get to the root of the problem for the benefit of national stability and social justice.

It is quite obvious that the argument by Minh and any others who reached the similar conclusion at a time when the country is preparing for the upcoming 10th national party congress is just to deny the role and correct leadership of the party and make people mistrust their ruling party. It is just old wine in a new bottle. They pay no heed to the tremendous achievements that Vietnam has made in the nearly past 20 years of the Doi Moi (renewal) process initiated by the party. Those achievements have been acknowledged by the world community. Recently the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) declared that Vietnam has obtained significant achievements in human development and it has accomplished several UN millennium goals, especially poverty reduction.

Thanks to the correct leadership of the Communist Party, particularly during the renewal process, Vietnam has got out of the socio-economic crisis, and now doubles its economic growth at an annual average rate of 7.5 per cent. The Vietnamese people never allow any hostile forces to carry out dark schemes to abolish the leading role of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

Those who love the homeland are happy with the achievements of the country and the correct leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam during the past 60 years. Those who claim to be patriots but deny these achievements and the leadership of the party are just playing straight into the hands of opposition forces against the Vietnamese nation and people. Source: Voice of Vietnam text website, Hanoi, in English 18 Sep 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. George Sherman is wondering if anyone can tell if the 0500 news on Radio Zambia-4910 is in English? Getting weaker at that time & heavy accent makes me uncertain. Also heard on 9/8 & every night I tried, but too weak (listed 100 kW in my 2001 Passport). (George Sherman, MN, PTSW Sept 17 via DXLD) All ILGRadio says is Vernacular 0300-0515 and 1600-2205.-ds Good listening, (Daniel Sampson, PTSW ed., ibid.)

** ZIMBABWE. RADIO ZIMBABWE, 6612 kHz. A las 0405 UT 15 de Set. Charlas por locutor en idioma vernacular, ide. por locutora ``Radio Zimbabwe`` a las 0410, entrevista y breve segmento musical (CÈsar PÈrez Dioses, Chimbote, Per˙, @tividade DX via DXLD)

Message From a 2Way Device --- Glen[n]: I'm getting faint African music again on 6612 at 2315 UT (Des, OH? Sept 18, DX LITENING DIGEST)

6612 kHz, (really a harmonic of 3306?!) ZBC, Gweru, noted on 17 SEP 2211-2226, Vernacular, African pops, few talks; nothing audible on 3306. Could a transmitter radiate a harmonic frequency that is stronger (in this particular case perhaps, considerably stronger) than the fundamental frequency to a point that it's somewhat behaving like the fundamental? (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, this is proof of it as also observed nearby. The question is whether this is done accidentally or deliberately (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re Patrick Martin's unID French on 729 --- I contacted Vanuatu Island Media if this could be R Vanuatu and here's their reply:

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Hello Jari, At the moment, Radio Vanuatu (Vanuatu Broadcasting &

Television Corporation or VBTC for short) uses only one MW frequency, that is 1125 kHz, broadcasting with less than 1 kW from Port Vila. Radio Vanuatu's second MW transmitter is out of order since a couple of years. It used to broadcast from Luganville, Santo Island on 1179 kHz. Both transmitters will be replaced within the next few months, broadcasting on the above mentioned frequencies.

I am not sure who broadcasts on 729 kHz. Likely to be French Polynesia or New Caledonia, but there are also some stations in Australia and (I think) even Fiji broadcasting French programmes at times.

Kind regards from Vanuatu, Hendrik Kettner, Island Media Ltd ...unquote--- (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. NUMBERS STATION. 3291.14, Sept 17, 0421, woman with numbers, clearly not Georgetown, weak (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see GUYANA

UNIDENTIFIED. The Africalist shows ORTM Bamako, Mali on 4873 opening at 0600. But I'm hearing since 0400 an Un ID on 4870 in French with poor signal. What would you think? (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, UT Sept 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Well, Benin used to be on 4870 long ago (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hello Glen, after a while I¥m trying to get into the Tropical Bands DX. I¥ll appreciate if you can help me with this one:

Bolivia, 4905 UNID, 18/09, 1003-, 322. MA in Spanish with religious comments, then into program "Abriendo la Biblia", more religious comments and The Bible quotes. Heard the word Bolivia, in the middle of comments, but due to poor conditions (high QRN, couldn`t get a positive ID. Acording my passport¥s old copy there is a Peruvian in here... Thanks in advance (Fernando Viloria, Guacar·, Carabobo State - Venezuela, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Fernando, Welcome back. Could be Radio San Miguel, nominal 4900, if you are sure it is Bolivia. It has varied widely in the past. Someone once thought LV de Saquisili, Ecuador, also nominal 4900 was heard on 4905 at some point, but this was not confirmed. This came from searching the 2005 issues of DXLD on 4905. Peru, R. La Oroya, 4904.8 has not been reported since Sept 2003 according to DSWCI. So it looks like you need to continue to monitor for something more definite. 73, (Glenn to Fernando via DXLD) And later, found this:

4904.62, R. San Miguel, 8/21 0210, Campesino music, many lengthy exposures by OM announcer speaking in Spanish; finally deciphered an ID, ``R. San Miguel, Riberalta``, at 0250, passing mention again at

0253 (Ralph Brandi, NJ, DX-plorer via Radio Nuevo Mundo via DXLD)

4904.96, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, at 0954-0959 UT, September 16, Spanish, ID: "...en Radio San Miguel". Local and regional news program, 24432 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, BCDX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5905v, presumed LA, 2230-2258 Sept 17 with nonstop melodic and soft vocal music in Spanish. Unstable carrier, het at some moments with pitch depending of frequency offset; at 2258 ID by female where I could only get "...frecuencia modulada..." and something that resembled Tupiza for me, but not sure. Couldn't record anything since no recorder working at that moment. Then at 2302 followed a religious program in Spanish when preacher said "Hermanos y hermanas" (Brothers and sisters, no "Deus È Amor" crazy style). (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Kenwood R-600 longwire 25 m, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Drifting to 5907/08 today, FMing also, there is definitively a Bolivian here, with a religious Christian format. Same program pattern as yesterday, and confirming that to my QTH there is a listening window from 1930 to 2030, peaking at around 2300, just for the ID by W at this hour. Instrumental music, an ad with a "bolivianos" heard, then a canned promo read by same W. ID at 2258, and mass goes from 2300 to at least 2330 but at this hour the station goes back into the mud. QSB is slow with QSA 1/2 to 3/4 (the best signals occur during less than a minute). Again ID sounded like Tupiza or similar (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Sep 18, R600, 25 m long randomwire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola Horacio, la emisora no identificada (espaÒol, religiosa Radio Virgen??) en 5745.6v kHz ahora ha desaparecido (Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, condiglist via DXLD) The one mixed up with WWRB (gh)

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING
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IBAC INVADES BRAZIL, DRM ON LW FROM GERMANY

As reported in Portuguese in the DX Listening Digests 5-164 and 5-165, tnx to posts from Eros John Cabral de Santana, CÈlio Romais, and Huelbe Garcia on the radioescutas yahoogroup, we have specific info about IBAC tests which have just been authorized on a few stations in Brazil:

R. Globo Minas, in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, on 1150, ``IBOC`` day AND night, 50/5 kW.
R. Ga˙cha, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, on 600, 100 kW, whether
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``IBOC`` will be night as well as day not mentioned.

Test authorization is for one year. There are also two FM stations, all using Harris ``Dexstar`` equipment. Who will manage to DX the IBAC sidebands overseas if not actually demodulate it?

BTW, per Kai Ludwig in DXLD, LW 177 kHz from Germany is now DRM only. Someone ought to be able to DX that TA, or if you were wondering where that analog signal went, now you know. 73, (Glenn Hauser [posted to several MW lists] via DXLD)

Another note about the IFA presentations that slipped through my fingers so far: The idea to promote DAB and DRM under a common ``Digital Radio`` brand --- cf. http://www.digitalradiodr.com --- is really brilliant, to cite the ironic comment by a colleague, since the term ``Digital Radio`` and a belonging logo is in Germany already for years in use to sell DAB, cf. http://www.digitalradio.de (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The other requirement DRM needs is some form of monitoring system so that the bandwidth and robustness of the system can be altered at times of unfavourable propagation, albeit at the expense of audio quality (Mike Barraclough, swprograms via DXLD)

I agree - and told the DRM guys at the SWL Fest that the system needed to be "intelligent" if it was truly to be mass market-worthy. In other words, the receiver would employ diversity reception or other techniques to assemble a clean signal from multiple parts or to seek alternate frequencies. We are several years away from that however (Richard Cuff, ibid.)

I also agree, and I think DRM will be irrelevant until that is cheaply available. (Scott Royall, ibid.)

I agree with one of Rich's comments. I thought DRM was supposed to be more efficient powerwise. How does using multiple transmitters save power or make things simpler.

This thread reminded me of a couple of articles that I read about digital TV. After testing digital TV technology, they found that either repeaters or multiple transmitters would be needed to cover the same service area as the current analog signal. I don't have a source for this information. Has anyone heard anything similar? (Mike Wolfson, ibid.)

I have to wonder if DRM will ever take off. Last week I noted an advert on TV with a gent using a hand held portable XM receiver with ear plugs. This appeared to be like a typical portable radio for am-

fm. No mention of price. I have to think if DRM is to succeed now, they will need the price to be dirt cheap and one heck of an advert campaign to get it off the ground. However, as an owner of a Sirius receiver, I have to wonder how well the XM portable unit works. Strictly an outside toy as seen in the advert.

As I tune the bands I can hear the hash from the DRM broadcasters and wonder how many can actually hear them. Most likely only a very few and wonder why they bother. I still think DRM will go the way of a.m. stereo (Bob Montgomery, swprograms via DXLD) See GERMANY; SWEDEN

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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MAN'S STATIC JACKET SPARKS ALERT

An Australian man built up so much static electricity in his clothes as he walked that he burned carpets, melted plastic and sparked a mass evacuation. . . http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/4252692.stm (via Mr Hackett, DXLD)

This story is important in that it illustrates one of the basic principals of electromagnetism: the flow of charge from one place to another. Until Maxwell's unification of EM equations, and the addition of the "Maxwell Term" -- this electrodynamic process was not well understood. All modern electronics and broadcasting stem from the "Maxwell Term". (Mr Hackett, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PROPAGATION
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ZCZC AP39 QST de W1AW Propagation Forecast Bulletin 39 ARLP039
From Tad Cook, K7RA Seattle, WA September 16, 2005
To all radio amateurs

This week the Sun has given us a tremendous amount of activity in the form of large solar flares. A geomagnetic storm is still in progress, and the planetary A index from Saturday through Thursday, September 10-15, was 30, 105, 66, 51, 25 and 43. These are high numbers.

The average planetary A index for this week more than doubled to 43.1. Average daily sunspot numbers more than quadrupled to 71.1. These numbers compare the 7 days ending Wednesday, September 14 with the previous 7 day period.

Next week is the Northern Hemisphere's Autumnal Equinox. This period

could be a good one for HF propagation if solar flares quiet down and the sunspot count doesn't sink back toward 0. The sunspot number rose above 100 on Sunday, September 11, the first time since August 3.

The source of all this excitement is a single large sunspot group, number 798. This spot was just peeking around the edge of the visible solar disk on September 9, but by September 14-15 it was aimed squarely at our planet. The last time around it was much smaller and still emerging, visible until August 24. Although not aimed at Earth on September 7, that day it produced an X17 solar flare, the fourth largest detected over the past three decades. Over the next week it produced 8 more flares, each causing HF radio blackouts.

Of course, VHF operators probably didn't mind all the disruption. You can check the 50 MHz Propagation Logger page at, http://dxworld.com/50prop.html to see what they've been up to on 6 meters, and, http://dxworld.com/files/vhfprop22.htm for a further look back.

Steve Lyon, WB6RIB and several others sent in an article from NASA about all this activity in the year before the solar cycle bottom, titled "Solar Minimum Explodes." You can read it for yourself on the http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2005/15sep_solarminexplodes.htm web site.

Over the next few days look for declining geomagnetic numbers, but fairly good sunspot and solar flux values. (Remember, HF operators generally want the sunspot and the somewhat-related solar flux numbers to remain high, with the geomagnetic A index and related K index as low as possible). Predicted solar flux for Friday through Monday, September 16-19 is 115, 110, 110 and 105. The predicted planetary A index for those same days is 25, 15, 10 and 10. Geophysical Institute Prague predicts active to minor storm conditions for September 16, active conditions on September 17 and 20, unsettled to active conditions September 21, unsettled conditions for September 18 and 22, and quiet to unsettled conditions on September 19.

Ed Douglass, AA9OZ is trying for his second 5-Band DXCC award. The first time around was as 7P8DX in Lesotho from 1986-1992, and this time he wants to do it from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, a town just below the 45th parallel on a peninsula extending into Lake Michigan. He aims to work 100 countries on 75 and 80 meters during the sunspot minimum, and asked if the absence of sunspots might improve his chances on lower frequencies. Certainly the MUF (Maximum Usable Frequency) is lower with fewer sunspots, so openings on 20-15-10 meters are much less common. But I seemed to recall Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA having something to say about the absence of solar activity producing better conditions overall on the low frequencies.

Carl referred me to an interesting article he wrote for the September/October 2005 issue of "The DX Magazine" titled "Getting Ready for Solar Minimum." Among other issues, the article discusses what happens with 160 and 80 meter propagation passing through the auroral zone. This includes West Coast North America to Europe, Midwest to Europe and Japan, and East Coast to Japan paths. During the solar minimum, there is less chance of ionospheric disturbance in northern latitudes. Carl writes, "In general, a quiet high latitude ionosphere provides the best propagation on the lower bands for paths near or going through the auroral zone."

Although this excellent article is not online, you can find similar material by entering a query for +K9LA +"auroral zone" in a search engine such as Google. One link returned was for another of our bulletins, ARLP008 from 2004, which talked about this same issue, and mentions that Carl wrote about this in the March 2004 issue of WorldRadio. The bulletin is located at
http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/prop/2004-arlp008.html
You can find out more about "The DX Magazine" at http://www.dxpub.com/
You can also look at current conditions in the auroral zone north of North America at http://www.spaceweather.gc.ca/forecastmap_e.shtml

Terry Oldham, KH6MT wrote asking about 10 meters, an often difficult band at the bottom of the cycle. He lives in North Central Florida, between Jacksonville and Tampa, and wants to know when 10 might be open to El Paso, Texas next. He mentioned that the window used to run from September through April, but last year he saw no window at all.

I told Terry about W6ELprop --- the free propagation program for the PC, from http://www.qsl.net/w6elprop/ --- and mentioned he could plug in numbers for that path to see what pops up. I tried it, and over the approximately 1500 miles at this time of year, a sustained sunspot number a little higher than we've seen recently would help. Still, if you plug in the average sunspot number for the past week (71.1), according to this program propagation is quite possible. With about 10 more points, or perhaps going over to the 12 meter band, the odds look quite good. If you would like to comment or have a tip, email the author at k7ra @ arrl.net

For more information concerning radio propagation and an explanation of the numbers used in this bulletin see the ARRL Technical Information Service propagation page at
http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html
An archive of past bulletins is found at
http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/prop/

Sunspot numbers for September 8 through 14 were 36, 59, 59, 101, 62,

95 and 86 with a mean of 71.1. 10.7 cm flux was 94.1, 99, 116, 109.7, 118, 114, and 116.6, with a mean of 109.6. Estimated planetary A indices were 8, 17, 30, 105, 66, 51 and 25 with a mean of 43.1. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 5, 12, 15, 53, 32, 26 and 13, with a mean of 22.3. NNNN /EX (via Dave Raycroft, ODXA via DXLD) ###